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Community Action Agencies Honored for Work-N-Wheels Programs

MADISON – Today, Department of Children and Families Secretary Eloise Anderson presented the 15th Annual Governor's Award for Excellence in Community Action to six Community Action Agencies for the Work-N-Wheels Program. Southwest CAP, NEWCAP, Communication, Inc., ADVOCAP, CAP Services and Couleecap, Inc., were chosen for their innovative and collaborative approach to providing reliable work transportation to communities across the state.

"This program and these organizations help make Wisconsin's workforce stronger by addressing the challenges that many families face," said Governor Scott Walker. "This program allows increased access to employment for those who may have to travel to find work, while also assisting economic development by providing local businesses with employees who have reliable transportation. I commend these six Community Action Agencies for their work on the Work-n-Wheels program, which has such a positive impact in these communities."

Work-N-Wheels is a car loan and repair program funded primarily through the Wisconsin Employment Transportation Assistance Program (WETAP). The program is designed to assist eligible working families purchase vehicles that meet their needs for reliable transportation to work.

"This program helps to ensure that Wisconsin citizens are able to get to work and support their children and families," said Secretary Anderson. "Reliable transportation is critical in obtaining quality employment and leads to less reliance on public assistance."

The award was presented to these six Community Action Agencies during the Wisconsin Community Action Program Association Annual Meeting in Madison. All of the Community Action programs work to address community needs and move their participants to self-sufficiency. To learn more about the Community Action programs in Wisconsin, please visit the Wisconsin Community Action Program Association (WISCAP) website http://www.wiscap.org.